

## **BROOKLINE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Environmental Health Staff **Date:** Revised 8/00

**FROM:** Patrick J. Maloney, MPAH  
Chief Environmental Health

**SUBJECT:** Housing Lead Paint Issues  
Policy Statement

The following environmental health issues will be handled as noted:

Exterior Paint Removal: Should a complaint or a drive-by inspection find persons/contractors removing paint by:

Power sanding	chemical stripping
Heat gun	burning
Sand blasting	power washing

Or by any other method that is abrasive (except hand scraping), the person/contractor are to be advised to **stop** the activity. This method cannot be allowed as the surface may contain lead. They can be advised that if they want to use these methods, they must have the surface tested and certified lead free by a licensed lead inspector.

Until the surface is tested, only hand scraping is allowed. If the surface is tested and found to be positive for lead, then the paint must be removed by a licensed deleader.

Persons not cooperating with our advisement will be issued a Cease and Desist order; also the Department of Labor and Industries is to be informed.

Citizens' Request For Lead Inspections:

Persons requesting lead inspections for property transfers are to be directed to the Yellow Pages or to the State Health Department for a current listing of lead inspectors who can provide the service.

Persons with a child under 6 years of age, who are occupants, can request an inspection by the Brookline Health Department. Before such a request for inspection is granted, they are to be referred to the Chief Inspector.